development of tourist infrastructure in Orissa State during the last three years are as under :—

Year	No. of projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
		(Rupees in lakhs)	
1997-98	25	538.05	121.00
1998-99	4	170.60	52.30
1999-2000	29	563.05	171.38

Results of extension of working hours in Banks

*518. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study to know the performance of the Nationalised Banks after extending their working hours;

(b) whether there is any improvement in the performance of these Banks after extending their working hours; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Extension of working hours of bank branches is a measure intended to provide additional service to customers, leading to a higher level of customer satisfaction and increase business of the bank. While the improvement in the performance of banks as a result of extended working hours cannot be quantified, a higher level of customer satisfaction is normally expected to lead to enhanced business in due course.

Study on floods in Assam

*519. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any study of the regular floods caused in Assam valley by the Brahmaputra river and its tributaries from the neighbouring States;

(b) if so, the details of the study reports for controlling the waters of the Brahmaputra river and its tributaries; and

(c) the measures taken for controlling the waters of different tributary rivers of the Brahmaputra rivers to give benefits to the concerned States?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) to (c) Recognising the magnitude and complexity of the problem, the Government of India constituted the Brahmaputra Board in December, 1981 under the Brahmaputra Board Act, 1980 for planning and implementation of measures for the management of floods and bank erosion in Brahmaputra valley. The major activities of the Board are preparation of Master Plans and investigation of projects in the Brahmaputra and Barak basins.

The Board has prepared Master Plan Part I and Part II for Flood Management in Brahmaputra and Barak valleys and their tributaries. 22 no. sub Master Plans of part III dealing with tributaries of Brahmaputra and rivers of Tripura have been completed. The Master Plans include short-term and long-term measures with both structural and non-structural elements. Under the long-term measures, storage schemes on the tributaries of Brahmaputra and Barak and rivers of Tripura have been suggested. Brahmaputra Board has taken up survey and investigation work for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of thirteen (13) storage projects of which Detailed Project Reports of Tipaimukh and Pagladiya Dam Projects have been completed. Survey and investigation for preparation of Detailed Project Report of six projects on Siang and Subansiri rivers has been entrusted to National Hydro-electric Power Corporation. The Tipaimukh Dam Project has been entrusted to North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation for implementation.

The Master Plans Part I and II prepared by the Brahmaputra Board have been accepted by the Ministry of Water Resources and sent to the North-Eastern States for implementation by the State Governments from the funds allocated under the State Flood Control Sector by the Planning Commission. Besides, the Centre has been providing loan assistance since 1974 to Govt. of Assam for flood management in Brahmaputra valley. For the Ninth Plan, the Planning Commission has recently given, in principle, clearance for providing Central assistance amounting to Rs. 150 crore to the North-Eastern States for flood control. Under the long-term measures, Public Investment Board has cleared the Pagladiya Dam project to be executed by the Brahmaputra Board.

Survey on Security at Airports

*520. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Industrial Security Force as well as the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security recently conducted survey of eight airports in the country;